

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance mailed September 16, 2010, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 14, 2006; September 11, 2006; June 25, 2009 and July 15, 2010.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27 and 29-36 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30-36 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention and new claims 37-40 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicant is entitled. In particular, the claims are amended to remove the "thin film" feature. Claims 1 and 8 are further amended to remove the adhesive layer and separating sheet features. These features are reintroduced in new claims 37-40. Finally, claims 15, 19 and 23 are revised for clarity. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27 and 29-40 are now pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 8, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 33, 35 and 36 are independent. The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowance of claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27 and 29-36. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

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